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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2026)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 8, 2012)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special hunting licenses
2 to certain nonresident disabled veterans and disabled
3 members of the armed forces serving on active federal
4 service.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsections 3 and 4, Code
2 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 3. The director shall provide up to seventy-five
4 nonresident deer hunting licenses for allocation as provided
5 in this subsection.

6 a. Thirty-five of the nonresident deer hunting licenses
7 shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a committee
8 consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of
9 the house of representatives, and director of the economic
10 development authority, or their designees. The licenses
11 provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in addition
12 to the number of nonresident licenses authorized pursuant
13 to section 483A.8. The purpose of the special nonresident
14 licenses is to allow state officials and local development
15 groups to promote the state and its natural resources to
16 nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes,
17 or any other form of media resulting from the hunting
18 visitation shall not be used for political campaign purposes.
19 The nonresident licenses shall be issued without application
20 upon payment of the nonresident deer hunting license fee and
21 the wildlife habitat fee. The licenses are valid in all zones
22 open to deer hunting. The hunter safety and ethics education
23 certificate requirement pursuant to section 483A.27 is waived
24 for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to this subsection.

25 b. Forty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be
26 allocated as provided in subsection 4A.

27 4. The director shall provide up to ~~twenty-five~~
28 seventy-five nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses for
29 allocation as provided in this subsection.

30 a. Thirty-five of the nonresident wild turkey hunting
31 licenses shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a
32 committee consisting of the majority leader of the senate,
33 speaker of the house of representatives, and director of the
34 economic development authority, or their designees. The
35 licenses provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in

1 addition to the number of nonresident licenses authorized
2 pursuant to section 483A.7. The purpose of the special
3 nonresident licenses is to allow state officials and local
4 development groups to promote the state and its natural
5 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs,
6 videotapes, or any other form of media resulting from the
7 hunting visitation shall not be used for political campaign
8 purposes. The nonresident licenses shall be issued without
9 application upon payment of the nonresident wild turkey hunting
10 license fee and the wildlife habitat fee. The licenses are
11 valid in all zones open to wild turkey hunting. The hunter
12 safety and ethics education certificate requirement pursuant to
13 section 483A.27 is waived for a nonresident issued a license
14 pursuant to this subsection.

15 b. Forty of the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
16 shall be allocated as provided in subsection 4A.

17 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
18 adding the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Forty of the nonresident deer
20 hunting licenses and wild turkey hunting licenses allocated
21 under subsections 3 and 4 shall be available for issuance
22 to nonresidents who have served in the armed forces of the
23 United States on active federal service and who were disabled
24 during the veteran's military service or who are serving in the
25 armed forces of the United States on active federal service
26 and have been disabled during military service to enable the
27 disabled person to participate in a hunt that is conducted by
28 an organization that conducts hunting experiences in this state
29 for disabled persons. The licenses shall be issued as follows:

30 a. The department shall prepare an application to be used by
31 a person requesting a special license under this subsection.

32 (1) The department shall verify that the license will be
33 used by the applicant in connection with a hunt conducted by an
34 approved organization that conducts hunting experiences in this
35 state for disabled veterans and members of the armed forces

1 serving on active federal service who have been disabled during
2 military service. The department shall specify, by rules
3 adopted under chapter 17A, what requirements an organization
4 must meet in order to be approved to conduct hunts for disabled
5 persons who obtain licenses under this subsection.

6 (2) The department of veterans affairs shall assist the
7 department in verifying the status or claims of applicants
8 under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "*disabled*"
9 means entitled to a service connected rating under 38 U.S.C.
10 ch. 11 with a degree of disability of thirty percent or more.

11 *b.* A license issued under this subsection shall be in
12 addition to the number of nonresident wild turkey hunting
13 licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.7 and nonresident
14 deer hunting licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.8.
15 However, a nonresident who obtains a license pursuant to
16 this subsection is not eligible to obtain a nonresident deer
17 hunting license or wild turkey hunting license under any other
18 provision of law.

19 *c.* A disabled person who receives a special license
20 under this subsection shall purchase a hunting license, and
21 a wild turkey hunting license or a deer hunting license, if
22 applicable, and pay the wildlife habitat fee, all for the
23 same fee that is charged to resident hunters. If hunting
24 deer, the disabled person shall also pay a one dollar fee that
25 shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd
26 population management, including assisting with the cost of
27 processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger program
28 administered by the commission.

29 *od.* A special hunting license shall be available for
30 issuance under this subsection to a disabled veteran or
31 disabled member of the armed forces serving on active federal
32 service for the same fee that is charged to a resident hunter
33 to enable such a disabled person to participate in a hunt
34 conducted by an organization approved under this subsection for
35 which only a hunting license is required.

1 *d.* A disabled person who receives a special license under
2 this subsection shall complete the hunter safety and ethics
3 education course.

4 *e.* A license issued under this subsection is valid for use
5 only on a hunt conducted by an organization approved under this
6 subsection.

7 *f.* The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for
8 the administration of this subsection.